(Qty. in MT)

Year	Mica Paper	IMP Plant	Silvered Mica & Mica Capacitor	Mica Powder
1990-91	155	Neg.	Neg.	64
1991-92	79	05	Neg.	19
1992-93	77	04	Neg.	30

(Neg.—Negligible)

(b) Decanalisation of processed mica with effect from 23-10-90 contributed to a reduction in the turnover of MITCO which has been as follows :

Year	Rs. in lakhs
1990-91	1901.94
1991-92	713.37
1992-93	374.00

Measures taken to improve the performance of MITCO include rationalisation of employees; agressive marketing drive particularly in respect of mica products; initiatives taken to improve production of value added items at MITCO's plants and curtailment of administrative expenditure.

(c) Item-wise, year-wise, break-up of expenditure incurred on litigation by MITCO with Mica workers union is not readily available. However, total expenditure incurred by MITCO towards legal advice, TA|DA for officers as well as other incidental expenses upto 30th April, 1993 comes to Rs. 1.3 lakh approximately.

(d) Despite economic stringency, MITCO would have to incur legal expenses wherever it is considered necessary and appropriate.

Number of Employees of MITCO

2334. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of employees of MITCO as on 31st March, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 with category-wise break-up;

(b) the total number of employees who have retired under Voluntary Retirement Scheme in the last three years, with category-wise break up;

(c) the payment made to the staff and executives in the last three years with category-wise and year-wise break up;

(d) whether productive workers were removed under Voluntary Retirement Scheme but not unproductive overheads with less financial relief to the company; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) to (c) A statement is attached (See below)

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

STATEMENT

Category-wise number of employees of MITCO as on 31st March, 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993 are as under:

Category	31-3-90	31-3-91	31-3-92	31-3-93*
Officers	139	134	123	109
Staff	351	349	336	326
Workers	913	913	655	629
TOTAL	1403	1396	1114	1064

(*includes 372 employees in different categories who retired on 31st March, 1993 afternoon under VRS.)

Category-wise number of employees who opted for VRS during the last three years were as under :

Category	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93£
Officers	3	9	11
Staff	1	12	8
Workers	—	258	26
TOTAL	4	279	45

(£excludes 372 employees in different categories who retired on 31st March, 1993 afternoon under Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS).)

Payments made to the executives (Officers) and the staff during the last three years are as under :

Year	Executives (Officers) and Staff
1990-91	Rs. 246 lakhs
1991-92	Rs. 302 lakhs
1992-93	Rs. 277 lakhs*

Category-wise payments made to the executives and the staff are not readily available.

PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF MICA

2335. SHRI MD. SALIM : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there has been any improvement in the production and export of Mica after decanalisation in the last three years, with facts and details thereof; and

(b) if not, whether Government have any plan to review the policy ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE) : (a) Export of Processed Mica was decanalised in October, 1990.

The production and export of mica during the last three years has been as under :—